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SUBJECT: QUITO MEETING: TEXT OF LETTER FROM SECRETARY
KISSINGER TO FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER SHOULD BE
COMMUNICATED TO FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL IMMEDIATELY.

2. MESSAGE TEXT FOLLOWS: DEAR MR. MINISTER:
AS YOU AND OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES OF THE HEMISPHERE PREPARE
TO GATHER NEXT WEEK IN QUITO FOR THE MEETING OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW
MUCH I REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO BE WITH YOU. UNFORTUNATELY
THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR
ME TO ATTEND ON THE DATES ULTIMATELY FIXED FOR THE SESSIONS
IN ECUADOR. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL
NOW TO MAKE KNOWN THAT I WOULD BE TRAVELING IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. YOU CAN READILY UNDERSTAND HOW SENSITIVE THE TALKS
ARE INVOLVING THE AREA, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE TALKS
TO WORLD PEACE. BECAUSE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE
ASKED MY DEPUTY AND CLOSE COLLEAGUE, BOB INGERSOLL, TO
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REPRESENT ME AT THE QUITO MEETING, ALONG WITH ASSISTANT

SECRETARY WILLIAM ROGERS AND OAS AMBASSADOR BILL
MAILLIARD. I HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN THAT THEY
WILL, OF COURSE, BE FULLY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL

ASPECTS OF THE TALKS, AND I SHALL EXPECT FROM THEM A FULL
REPORT ON THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU WHEN THEY RETURN.
I PERSONALLY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS AT THE
QUITO MEETING CLOSELY. MY GOVERNMENT AND I ATTACH GREAT
IMPORTANCE TO THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO THE FINAL RESULT.
BEST WISHES, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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